

HONG KONG TEN DOLLAR POLYMER NOTE



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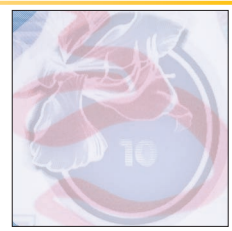
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The use of polymer banknotes is increasing around the world. The Government is issuing a ten-dollar polymer note to assess the performance and acceptability of polymer notes in Hong Kong. The existing ten-dollar paper notes and coins remain legal tender.

The new note resembles the ten-dollar paper note, retaining some of its security features while adopting some new security features unique to polymer notes.

New Security Features

N1 Clear Window



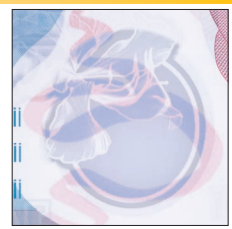
N2 Shadow Image of the Bauhinia Flower in the Clear Window



N3 Numeral '10' Shadow Image



N4 Colour Shift



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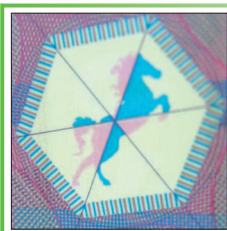
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Existing Security Features

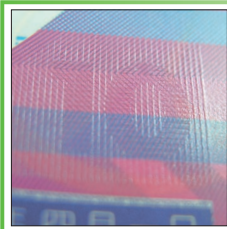
E1 Enlarged Numeral



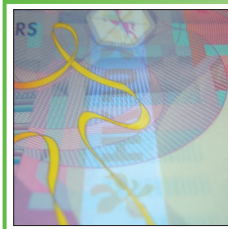
E2 See-through Picture



E3 Concealed Denomination



E4 Reflective Band



New Security Features

N1 Clear Window

A see-through window with a numeral 10.

N2 Shadow Image of the Bauhinia Flower in the Clear Window

A watermark-like image of the bauhinia flower integrated into the clear window.

N3 Numeral '10' Shadow Image

A watermark-like image of the numeral 10 is visible when viewed with background light.

N4 Colour Shift

The colour of the ribbon on the clear window changes between pink and purple when the note is tilted or examined against light and dark backgrounds.

Existing Security Features

E1 Enlarged Numeral

The numeral 10 has been enlarged and made easier to feel.

E2 See-through Picture

When the note is viewed with background light, the patterns on the front and back of the note align perfectly to show a complete picture of a horse.

E3 Concealed Denomination

The numeral 10 appears when the note is tilted.

E4 Reflective Band

A shimmering band showing images of the bauhinia flower and "HK10" when the note is tilted. This has been moved to the central part of the note.

Frequently Asked Questions on Polymer Notes

What are the key properties of polymer notes? How are they different from paper notes?

Polymer notes are printed on a unique plastic film manufactured solely for the printing of banknotes and is not commercially available. This material is non-fibrous and non-porous and polymer notes have a distinctly different feel to paper notes.

The key properties of polymer notes are:

- They do not absorb water or other liquids
- The structure of the notes does not easily break down and the notes are difficult to tear
- They perform well in a full range of climatic conditions.

What are the benefits of polymer notes?

Experience in countries that have introduced polymer notes suggests that they have the following benefits:

- Durability – they last a long time
- Security – polymer-specific security features are easy to see and identify
- Cleanliness – they do not absorb dirt or moisture
- Environmental-friendliness – they are recyclable.

Do polymer notes need to be handled differently?

Polymer notes can essentially be handled the same as paper notes. As with paper notes, new notes sometimes stick together. This attraction will diminish when the notes are put into circulation. When opening a packet of new notes, you can separate the notes in the following ways:



Fanning



Shuffling



Tapping

Can polymer notes be folded?

Polymer notes can be folded. But avoid applying excessive pressure, which may damage the notes. To unfold the notes, lay them on a flat surface and apply slight pressure for a short time.

Is it difficult to hand-count polymer notes?

Not at all. As with paper notes, it is best to count polymer notes using the areas with easily identified tactile features, such as the numeral 10 and the text "GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION" on the front.

What should I do if something is spilt on a polymer note?

Wipe the note with a cloth.

What should I do if I think that a note or coin may be counterfeit?

Retain the note or coin and take it to the nearest police station. Alternatively, call the Commercial Crime Bureau at 2860 5012 or 2860 5013.